

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 PARIS 01595 181818Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----046030 181825Z /53

O R 181808Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4426
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
USMISSION USNATO

S E C R E T PARIS 01595

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, SALT, FR
SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH ON SALT AND GRAY AREAS

REF: STATE 013264

1. REFTEL REQUESTED OUR VIEWS ON WHETHER A STOP BY US SALT TEAM IN PARIS WOULD BE DESIRED AND STATED THAT THIS QUESTION WILL ALSO BE PUT TO DE LABOULAYE.
2. LABOULAYE IS WELL-QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS SALT, WHICH HE DID REGULARLY AS POLITICAL DIRECTOR HERE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN VIEW OF THE AGREEMENT DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT THAT THE INITIAL BILATERAL TALKS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY LABOULAYE, WE BELIEVE THAT A WASHINGTON CONSULTATION WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO START. IN ADDITION, GISCARD HAS REFLECTED A GREAT DEAL OF SENSITIVITY ABOUT THESE TALKS (WE ASSUME IN VIEW OF THE GAULLISTS STILL IN THE GOVERNMENT), AND WE THINK THAT A 6-MAN TEAM COMING TO PARIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR THE FRENCH TO HANDLE AT THIS TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE THAT THE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 PARIS 01595 181818Z

FRENCH SHOULD BE OFFERED MORE OR LESS THE SAME THING THAT THE FRG AND THE UK ARE BEING OFFERED. THEREFORE WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT LABOULAYE BE TOLD THAT US TEAM (HOPEFULLY A SMALLER TEAM THAN THE ONE PROPOSED) WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO STOP IN PARIS IF FRENCH DESIRE.

3. AS THESE TALKS DEVELOP, WE HOPE THAT THE LOCUS

CAN ULTIMATELY BE SHIFTED TO PARIS BECAUSE:

A. IT IS HERE THAT FRENCH STUDIES AND OPTIONS PAPERS ARE WRITTEN FOR THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND CABINET LEADERS.

B. THE GOF ARMS CONTROL APPARATUS HERE NEEDS EDUCATION SO AS TO BE ABLE TO BETTER INTERPRET STRATEGIC ISSUES AND US POSITIONS.

C. WHILE WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT LABOULAYE AND HIS NOTE-TAKER WILL WRITE COMPETENT REPORTS TO PARIS, THOSE INVOLVED IN PARIS WILL NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO RAISE QUESTIONS OR FOLLOW-UP ON POINTS WHICH MAY BE TROUBLING THE GOF.

D. THE GOF IS DEVELOPING ITS OWN ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVE. CONSULTATION WITH THE US CAN IMPROVE THE CHANCES THAT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF US OBJECTIVES.

4. IF INITIAL TALKS TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A READOUT ON THEM.
HARTMAN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SALT (ARMS CONTROL), MEETING REPORTS, ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PARIS01595
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780027-0310
Format: TEL
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780150/aaaabptl.tel
Line Count: 83
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 71043ce2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 STATE 13264
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3755504
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH ON SALT AND GRAY AREAS
TAGS: PARM, FR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/71043ce2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014